

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the office action dated August 7, 1997 is respectfully requested.

Amendments

Applicants wish to cancel claims 1-10 in the instant application, in order to expedite issuance of claims 11-17, which the Examiner has found allowable. It is the applicants' intent to file a continuation application in order to further pursue claims 1-10.

The title and abstract have been amended in order to better describe the invention now claimed.

Sequence Listing

A Sequence Listing (hard copy and computer-readable format) is enclosed herewith, in compliance with the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. The sequences contained in the sequence listing are identified throughout the specification, as follows:

SEQ ID NOS: 1-8 are shown in Fig. 1.

SEQ ID NOS: 9-20 are shown in Figs. 2A and 2B.

SEQ ID NO: 21 is shown in Fig. 1.

SEQ ID NOS: 22-26 are identified and shown at page 35, lines 9-13 thereof.

SEQ ID NOS: 27, 28 and 31 are identified and shown at page 35, lines 22-24 thereof.

SEQ ID NO: 29 is shown in Fig. 1.

SEQ ID NOS: 30 and 33-36 are shown in Figs. 2A and 2B.

SEQ ID NO: 32 is shown in Fig. 3.

In view of the foregoing support in the specification, applicants submit that no new matter is added in the Sequence Listing.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for alleged lack of enablement. Claims 1-10 stand canceled by this amendment, with reservation to pursue the claims in a separate, continuation application.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is therefore respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

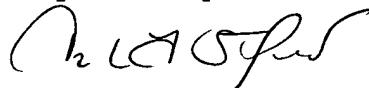
Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Justice, et al.. In view of the above-noted cancellation of claims, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under the Judicially-created Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-10 were provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as unpatentable over U.S. Patent application 08/613,400. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested in view of cancellation of claims 1-10.

For the reasons presented above, the applicants submit that claims 11-17 now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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